
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

FINAL

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, April 6, 2006

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.-Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENT

Ricki Rosales
Kathy Watt
Gordon Bunch
David Giugni*
J. Russell Kieffer*
Miguel Martinez
Veronica Morales*
Daniel Rivas*
Enrique Topete

Sophia Rumanes
Kafi Battersby
Scott Campbell
Philip Hendricks
Jeffrey King
Dani Mejia
Vicky Ortega
Sabel Samone
Tim Young

Richard Browne
Michael Green**
Lori Laubacher

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

** Denotes arrived after first roll call and left before closing roll call

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth Escobedo
True Pawluk
Rosario Vasquez

Vicki Lowe
Rafeeq Rahim

John Mesta
Jane Rohde

Saloniki Osorio
William Strain

PPC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 12:04 PM and a quorum was present.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION - "HIV/AIDS Prevention in Young Mothers and their Male Partners"

Dr. Rose Veniegas, CHIPTS, introduced Dr. Evelyn Gonzalez-Figueroa, Project Director. Dr. Gonzalez-Figueroa was joined by Ozvaldo "Ozzie" Cruz and Robert "Bobby" Lee Verdugo, Jr. to discuss some of the preliminary data from their study and their process for this community-based research partnership.

Inner city adolescent parents in Los Angeles County are a high-risk population for acquiring HIV through Heterosexual transmission due to an early onset of sexual activity, multiple sexual partners, and absent or inconsistent condom use. Many of these youth belong to subgroups at high risk for HIV: the poor, Latinos, and women. In addition to sexual risk, teen fathers often engage in multiple HIV-related risk behaviors (e.g., illicit drug use, needle sharing for body-

piercing and tattoos, violence, and gang involvement) and have a history of incarceration. Being in a steady relationship and fear of negative partner attitudes have been identified as important barriers to condom use for adolescent mothers. Yet, preliminary studies indicate that:

1. Young fathers do not perceive sexual activity outside their main relationship to conflict with their monogamous status;
2. A 50% break-up rate within 12 months is reported for parenting adolescent couples.

Despite teens' misperceptions about relationship stability, current romantic connections may provide the key to building skills needed to maintain safer sex with current and future partners. This experimental study evaluated the impact of a program attended by parenting adolescent couples on their safer sex practices.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled "HIV/AIDS Prevention for Adolescent Mothers and their Male Partners" is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT April 6, 2006 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Agenda was reviewed.

A motion was made to modify the Agenda to add under PPC Community Co-Chairs Report a motion to approve two (2) new PPC members (Anthony Margain and Terry Smith). The amended agenda was approved by consensus.

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT March 2, 2006 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Miguel Chion, APLA, announced the April 13th Meet the Experts capacity building assistance program web teleconference. The topic is "Methamphetamine Use and HIV Risks in Latinos". Flyers are on the back table.
- Alex Lee, APAIT, announced APAIT is recruiting approximately 2,000 Asian Pacific MSM's for the Men of Asia Testing for HIV (MATH) Study. The MATH study will launch May 1, 2006.
- Rafeeq Rahim, OAPP, encouraged participation in the 10th Annual Southern California Regional 5K Walk/Run scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at California State University Dominguez Hills. Flyers and registration packets are on the back table.
- Ruel Nollado, SCHAC, announced the Southern California HIV Advocacy Coalition is hosting its annual Lobbying Day in Sacramento, California on Monday, April 17th. Flyers are on the back table.
- Ruel Nollado, SCHAC, announced AIDS Watch is scheduled for May 8th through May 10th and SCHAC has scholarships available. Flyers on the back table.
- Ruel Nollado, APLA, announced a number of different organizations have developed a letter to address the impending Title I cuts to Los Angeles County. The sign-on letter addressed to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is on the back table.

- Jill Rotenberg, JWCH, announced JWCH is the lead agency for SPA 4 and monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month (location varies).
- On behalf of the PPC and OAPP, Sophia Rumanes thanked Gordon Bunch for his work and commitment to the PPC.

VI. PPC COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Ricki Rosales reported the HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Co-Chairs met with the Commission on HIV (COH) Co-Chairs on Monday, April 3rd. Most of the conversation centered on the relationship between the two (2) bodies (PPC and COH) and ways to improve and strengthen communication between the two bodies. Kathy Watt requested the HIV/EPI presentation given to new PPC members at the PPC New Member Orientation be presented to the COH. Kathy Watt also reiterated the fact, in times of the shrinking dollars, the more prevention, care and treatment work together, and the better programs and services we can provide for the people we are trying to reach.

Ricki Rosales reported back from the California HIV Planning Group meeting held last month. The task forces are creating their respective framework (e.g. the MSM task Force is developing the framework for African American MSM, the transgender working group is developing the frame work for Transgender health, the Alcohol and Drug Task Force is developing the framework for this population). The Care and Prevention Integration Task Force is working on updating the prevention for positives guidelines.

Kathy Watt announced a Crystal Methamphetamine Training on Monday, May 22nd from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at OAPP and encouraged all (PPC members and the public) to attend.

- **MOTION #3** – Veronica Morales, PPC Operations Subcommittee provided some background on the candidates and placed a motion on the floor to recommend the following for PPC Membership

MOTION #3: Recommend Anthony Margain and Terry Smith for PPC Membership	<i>Ayes: Bunch, Campbell, Green, Giugni, Hendricks, Kieffer, King, Martinez, Mejia, Morales, Ortega, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Samone, Topete, Watt, Young</i> Opposed: None Abstentions: Battersby	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
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VII. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Sophia Rumanes reported on March 13th OAPP convened all of the OAPP funded community-based HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) providers at a meeting at St. Anne's. The meeting focused on OAPP sharing data (i.e. how Los Angeles is fairing with the national goals and how the community-based organizations can work in partnership with OAPP to improve counseling and testing).

Sophia Rumanes provided an update on the Commercial Sex Venue (CSV) Ordinance which went into effective March 1st. JWCH Institute, Inc. was selected as the provider to implement

HIV counseling and testing and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) screening in nine (9) of the eleven (11) clubs. One of the provisions in the ordinance is for testing to be provided a minimum of 20 hours per week at each club at its highest peak time.

As a result of the first joint HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Co-Chairs and Commission on HIV (COH) Co-Chairs meeting, Sophia Rumanes felt there is a need to bridge communication between the PPC and the COH. Additionally, Ms. Rumanes encouraged all those who can, to attend the COH meetings.

In response to the Bienestar Press Release dated March 21, 2006 titled “HIV/AIDS Trends: Day Laborers, Crystal Meth emerge on Latino HIV prevention agenda”, Sophia Rumanes reported state leaders and the Los Angeles County of Board Supervisors are interested in this concern/issue and encouraged everyone to read the Press Release.

Michael Green reported OAPP has received official notification from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of an across the board rescission of 2.9% for prevention funding. OAPP is working to ensure that the rescission will not result in any cuts to services and/or contracts.

Michael Green reported the Annual Progress Report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is due April 14th and on Monday, April 3rd some volunteers from the PPC reviewed the draft document.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING BREAKOUTS

EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The Evaluation subcommittee breakout meeting consisted of discussions and/or recommendations on the subcommittee’s agenda. A summary for this meeting will be provided during the May, 2006 meeting scheduled for May 15th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at OAPP.

OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Operations subcommittee breakout meeting consisted of discussions and/or recommendations on the subcommittee’s agenda. A summary for this meeting will be provided during the May, 2006 meeting scheduled for May 9th from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

STANDARDS & BEST PRACTICES

The Standards & Best Practices subcommittee breakout meeting consisted of discussions and/or recommendations on the subcommittee’s agenda. A summary for this meeting will be provided during the May, 2006 meeting scheduled for May 18th from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM at OAPP.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEES RECONVENE

X. STANDING REPORTS

- Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee – Daniel Rivas reported the Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee held its’ first meeting on Tuesday, March 14th. The Ad Hoc Committee focused on seven (7) pieces of legislation related to prevention services. The goal of the

Ad Hoc Committee is to review legislation the PPC would consider supporting, opposing, or watching and how that legislation would effect prevention in Los Angeles County. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2006 at 1:00 PM.

- African American MSM Task Force – Jeffrey King reported the AA MSM Task Force met on March 23, 2006 and are at the point of refining the DRAFT Recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2006 at 2:00 PM.
- Crystal Meth Task Force – Tim Young reported the Crystal Meth Task Force Recommendations have been completed and forwarded to the PPC Executive Subcommittee. The training for Crystal Meth recommended by the Task Force is scheduled for May 22nd.
- Commission on HIV (COH) – Kathy Watt reported three hours of the last COH Meeting had been allocated to discuss the Dynmally Bill (Inmate HIV Testing). Additionally, the announcement was made of the Ryan White Care Act (Title I) cut. As a result, the bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the cuts and what Los Angeles County can do. There was a lengthy discussion on the Needs Assessment and how to do Priorities and Planning for the coming year. Kathy Watt encouraged all who can to come to the next COH meeting.
- City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinators Office – Ricki Rosales reported the Gang Study has been finalized and is available on the City of Los Angeles website. The City of Los Angeles Request for Proposal (RFP) for prevention services was released a couple of weeks ago and is open until April 21st. The City of Los Angeles is seeking individuals for the RFP review panels (those that did not apply for city funding or not within the City of Los Angeles to provide services). Please contact Ricki Rosales.
- City of West Hollywood – David Giugni reported the City of West Hollywood is releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for social services which will be on the City of West Hollywood's website on May 4th. The City of West Hollywood prevention providers are working on a social marketing campaign targeting youth and Crystal Meth.
- HIV Epidemiology – Gordon Bunch provided an update on SB-699 (Names Based HIV Reported) has been approved by the State Senate and State Assembly (fully approved bill). The bill will be forwarded to the Governor for approval. Gordon Bunch announced his departure from HIV/EPI and the PPC. Mr. Bunch has accepted a position in the Office of Ambulatory Care effective April 24th.
- Alcohol and Drug Program Administration – No report
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program – No report

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ricki Rosales welcomed the three (3) new PPC members: Kafi Battersby, Scott Campbell and Enrique Topete.
- Kafi Battersby announced REACH LA has openings for two (2) positions.
- Philip Hendricks announced APLA will launch a series of forums on Crystal Meth beginning on May 8th at West Hollywood Park at 8:00 PM.
- Enrique Topete announced The Wall Las Memorias is collecting signatures for the Act Now against Meth Coalition.
- Kathy Watt requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of David C. Lean who was found dead as the result of Crystal Meth and sex.

- Ricki Rosales reported on the press conference held at City Hall for the Gang Study. A recommendation is being forwarded to the Los Angeles City Council to invest some money into programs for Gang members for HIV prevention.
- Jeffrey King announced In the Meantime and Rainbow Bridge will co-sponsor the first South Los Angeles Town Hall Meeting on Crystal Meth scheduled for July, 2006.
- Veronica Morales announced in an attempt to implement the Youth Leadership Institute, the PPC Operations Subcommittee will hold its next meeting at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.
- Veronica Morales announced Long Beach is hosting its first Women's Health Summit on Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at California State University Long Beach.
- Vicky Ortega announced the LOTUS Society is seeking new pledges and sponsoring a tea event on May 16th.

XII. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION: #1: Modify, add a motion and approve the Agenda order.	<i>Amended Meeting Agenda Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION # 2: Approve of Meeting Summary	<i>Passed by Consensus with motion to approve with noted changes</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #3: Recommend Anthony Margain and Terry Smith for PPC Membership	Ayes: Bunch, Campbell, Green, Giugni, Hendricks, Kieffer, King, Martinez, Mejia, Morales, Ortega, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Samone, Topete, Watt, Young Opposed: None Abstentions: Battersby	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 18 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 1
KEY DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS		
RECOMMENDATION #4: Presentation Request – present HIV/EPI Presentation given to the new PPC members Orientation to the Commission on HIV (COH).		

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.